

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD

December 1953

1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY		4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED	
a. Program	b. Project	SE/1		Target	Base	a. Program	b. Project
OBOPUS				Albania	7	22 June 1951	
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO.		EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER		
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6. TYPE OF PROJECT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT		
7. STATUS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL		<input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING			
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE		10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE	
U.S. - - - - -		17	2	7		7	
FOREIGN NAT'L - - - - -		63	2	7		7	
TOTAL		80	2	7		7	

11. Summary

Mission and Plan

Utilization of all available covert assets to exploit the resistance potential in Albania, undermine the Soviet power complex, develop a covert offensive in support of U.S. policy aims in the Balkans, and when feasible, to support a coup d'etat to replace the Communist regime with one acceptable to the West. DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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Summary

Paramilitary

The Albanian Ministry of Interior announced on 29 December the death or capture of nine men, all of whom were members of the Zogist Apple, Plum and Orange teams. The three members of the Orange Team were killed immediately after they were parachuted into Albania, according to the communique. The other six were captured alive and are to be tried soon. This announcement appears to set the date of the control of the Apple Team at mid-summer 1952.

Political-Psychological

(1) The members of the NCFA agreed by 12 December to the broadening of the NCFA to include two political parties not previously represented. The NCFA now consists of a 14-man Executive Committee, composed of representatives from the five major political parties and the independents, and a 45-man consultative committee.

(2) A propaganda leaflet drop over Albania was carried out without incident by the British on the night of 27/28 November.

(3) Two members of the NCFA Executive Committee, Hasan Dosti and Abas Kupi, visited the Albanian Guard Company in Germany during the week of 14 December. They were accompanied by the CIA case officer in Rome.

(4) The clandestine radio transmitter located near Athens maintained a regular broadcast schedule during December.

(5) The NCFA fortnightly newspaper, Shqiperia, was printed in Rome on schedule and distributed. The digest version was printed in Germany.

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